

# Voluntary charity

## Ethics of Voluntary Alms Giving

### Compulsory ethics -١

a-Purification of intention; one gives charity seeking Allah's Face alone, not for purposes of showing-off or seeking a reputation with the people of being generous

b-Desisting from reminding (people) of your generosity and from inflicting them with injury; Allah says: "O you who believe! Do not render in vain your sadaqah (charity) by reminders of your generosity or by (inflicting) injury." (al-Baqarah: 264)

### Recommended ethics -٢

a- It is encouraged for a Muslim to give alms to those he is not obliged to cater for among his relatives who need it e.g. paternal and maternal uncles, a wife giving to her poor husband etc. This is better than giving to people other than them. Allah the Most High says: "To an orphan, near of kin," (al-Balad: 15), and in a hadith: "Indeed giving alms to the needy is rewarded and to a relative, a double reward is taken – one for giving alms and the other for strengthening the bond of kinship." [Source : An-Nasai]

b- Selecting from his wealth that which is lawful, pure and that which he desires for himself. Allah, the Most High, says: "By no means shall you attain Al-Birr (piety, righteousness, etc.) unless you spend (in Allah's cause) of that which you love." (Aal 'Imran: 92)

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